

Thysanotus arenarius
Commonly: Fringed Lily
Vascular Plant Family: Primulaceae

Flowers spring and early summer

Thysanotus arenarius is a wiry, sprawling perennial up to 70cm tall. The leaves are produced annually at the base of the plants but wither before flowering. The flowering stems are loosely branched with 2-4 flowers occurring together.



All the flowers in the flowering head do not open together. This flowering head has 4 flowers, 1 in flower and 3 in young fruit.



The flower has 6 free petals up to 15mm long. The outer 3 are narrow and the inner 3 are broad with a fringed margin which gives the plant its common name. There are 6 anthers, 3 long (up to

9mm) and 3 short (3-6mm long) and the ovary has a thread-like style in the flower centre.



A less common white flowered form can be seen at Peppy Beach.



The stalks of the fruiting head are recurved. The finished petals remain on the fruit. The fruits are 3-celled with several seeds in each cell.



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